

PUBLIC NOTICE Draft Removal Action Workplan Freedom Circle Parcels 1, 2, and 3 Santa Clara, California

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces the availability of the draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) for the "Freedom Circle Parcels 1, 2, and 3" site bounded by Freedom Circle, Mission College Boulevard, San Tomas Aquino Creek, and Highway 101 in Santa Clara County, California.

DTSC is the agency overseeing investigation and cleanup activities. The contaminants are lead, arsenic, and organochlorine pesticides remaining in the soil from historical agricultural use at the site. The Draft Final RAW recommends installation of a clean soil / gravel cap followed by establishment of institutional controls to limit exposure to impacted soils. A deed restriction as well as operation and maintenance of the cap will also be required.

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC has evaluated the project to determine potential environmental impacts of the proposed cleanup plan. DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup plan will not have a significant effect on the environment and is proposing to issue a Notice of Exemption for the project.

DTSC invites comments on the draft Removal Action Workplan for the Freedom Circle Parcels 1, 2, and 3 site during the 30-day public comment period beginning August 22, 2003 and ending September 22, 2003. DTSC will make the final decision based in part on comments. Written comments must be postmarked no later than September 22, 2003. Mail comments to:

Ryan Miya, Project Officer California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200 Berkeley, CA 94710

The draft Removal Action Workplan and the proposed Notice of Exemption for the Freedom Circle Parcels 1, 2, and 3 site are available at:

Santa Clara City Library 3345 Lochinvar Avenue Santa Clara, California 95051 (408) 615-2970

The full administrative record for the site, including the draft Removal Action Workplan and the proposed Notice of Exemption is also available at the DTSC address above. For an appointment to view or copy records, phone (510) 540-3800 during business hours (Mon.-Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). DTSC is not planning to hold a public meeting for this project unless there is significant public interest. A meeting request must be made in writing by September 22, 2003. Mail your request to Ryan Miya at the DTSC address above. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Ryan Miya, Project Manager, at

(510) 540-3775 or Jesus Cruz, Public Participation Specialist, at (510) 540-3933. For media inquiries, please contact Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer at (510) 540-3732.